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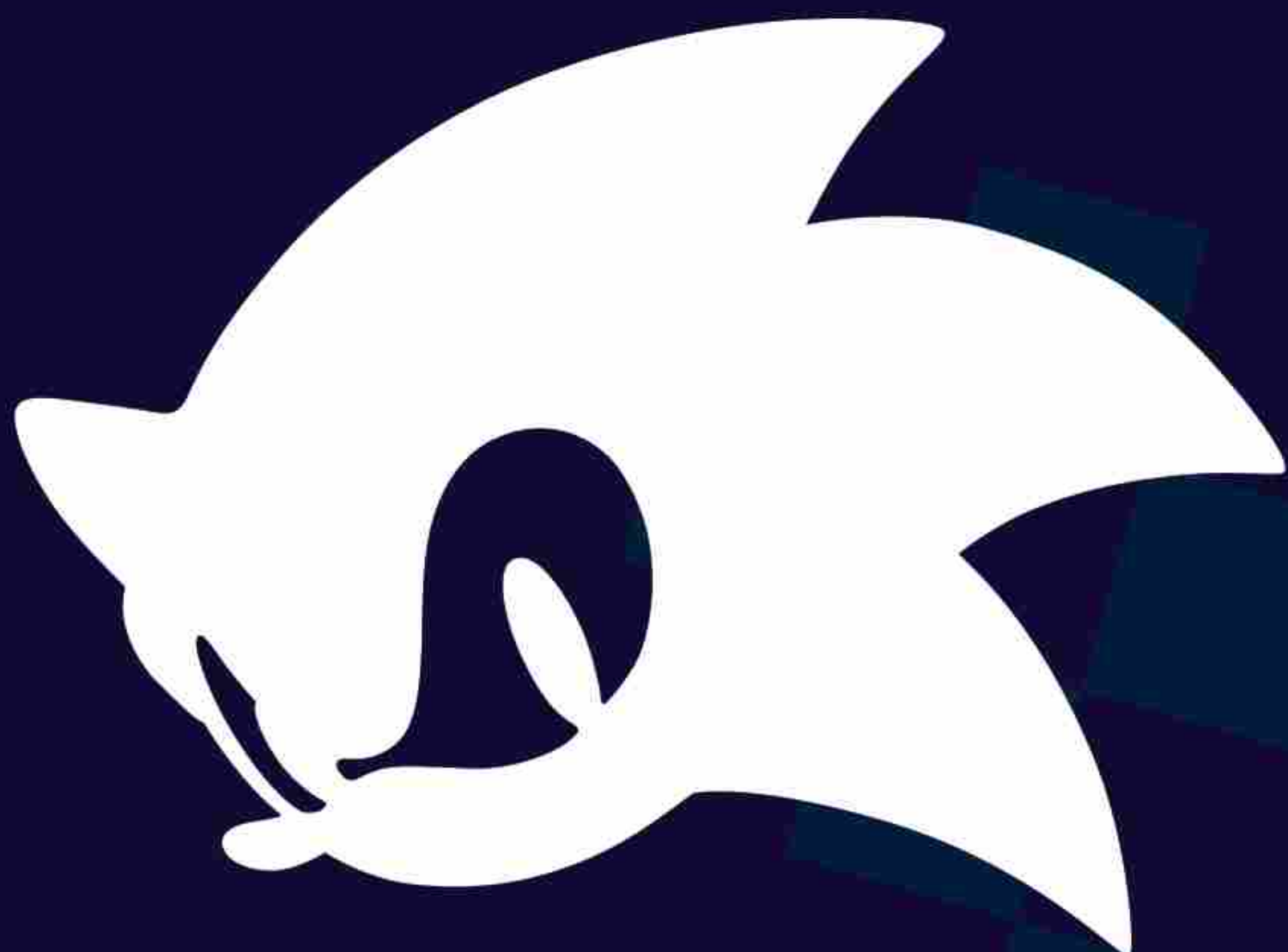
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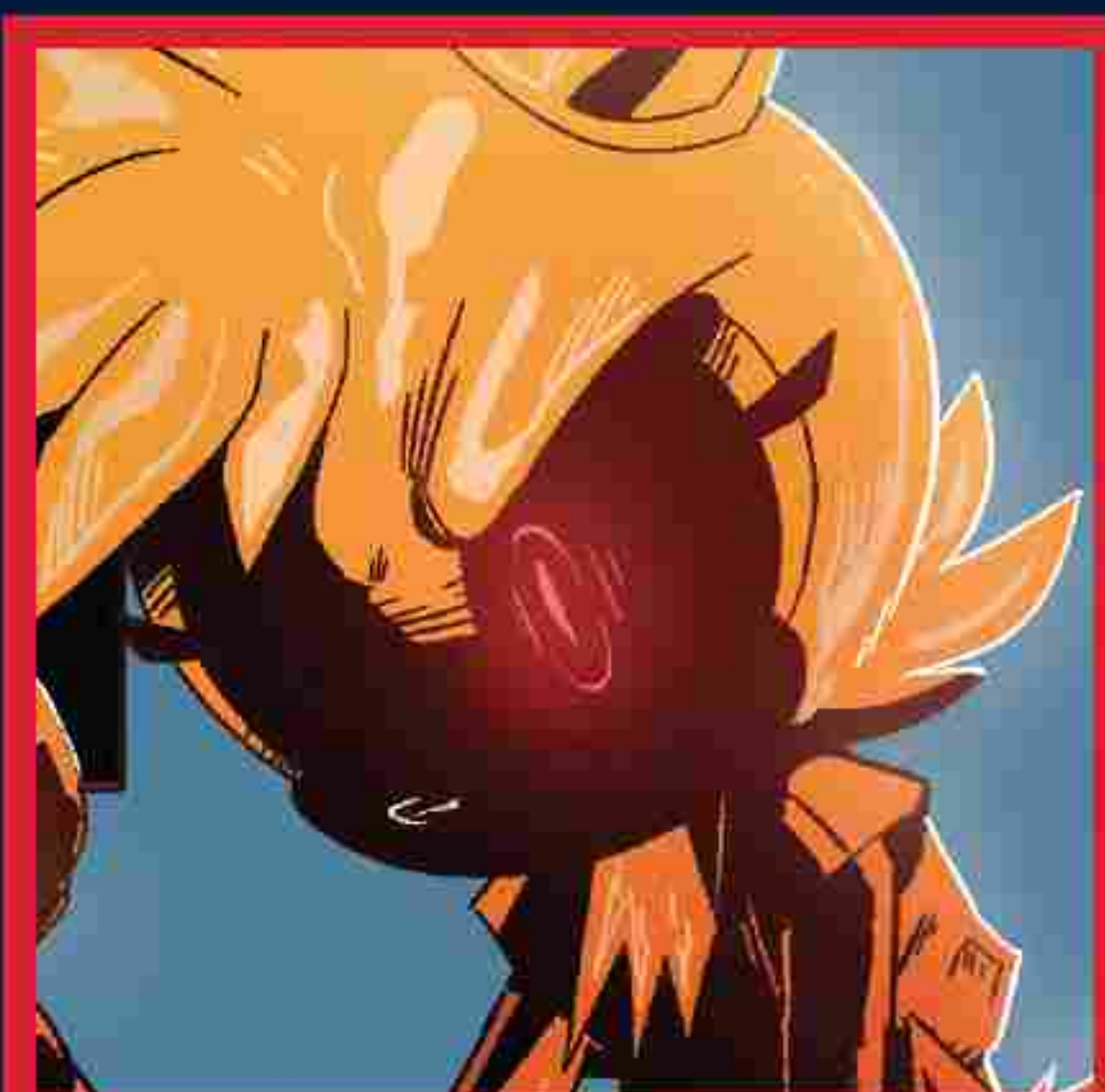
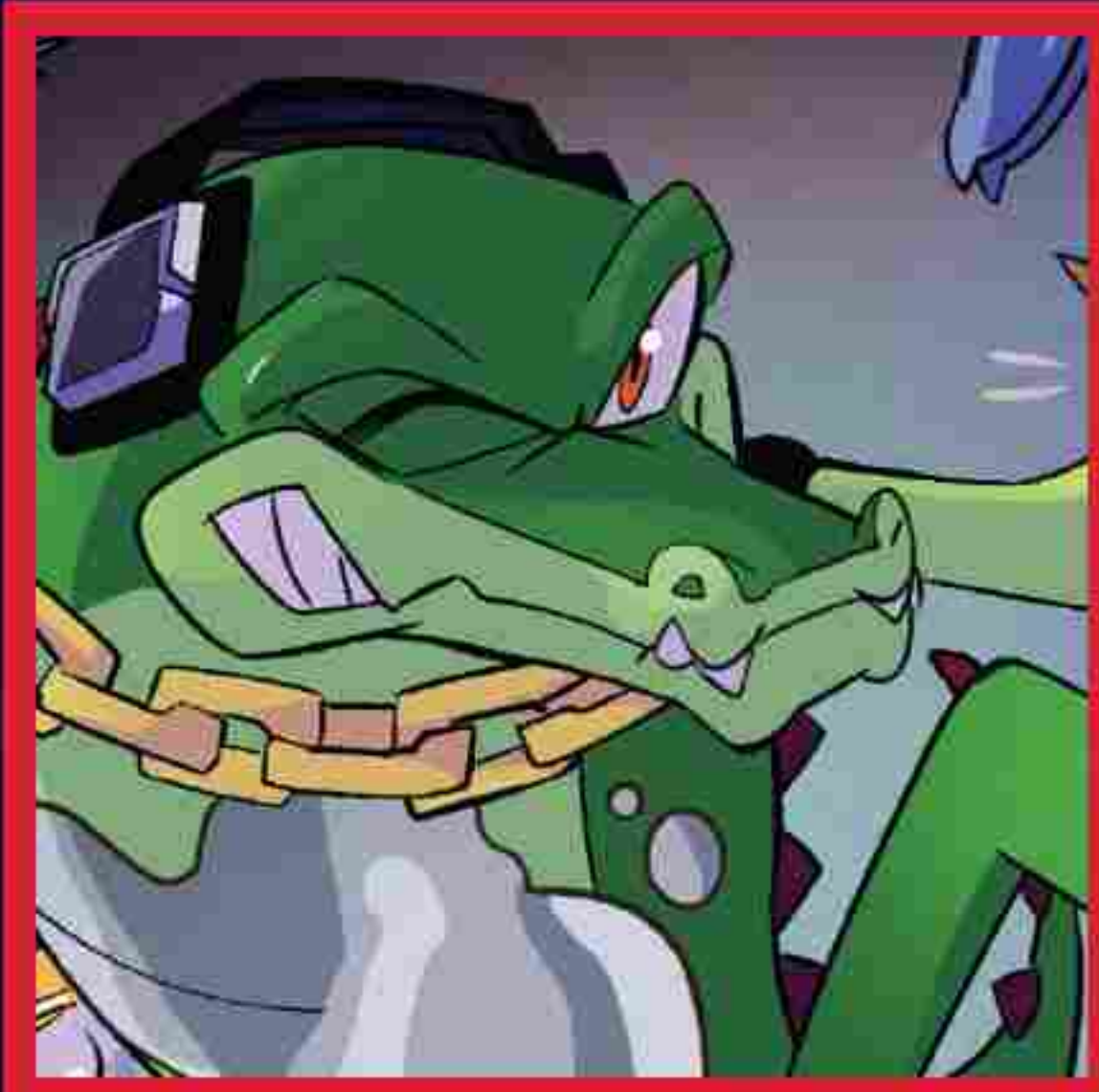
STORY SO FAR

Not so long ago, Dr. Eggman went missing. After plenty of searching, Sonic the Hedgehog and his friends found the doctor, living a new life, with a new name, and no memory of his past. They left him to his peaceful existence to deal with another threat, having no idea that they weren't the only ones searching for him.

Dr. Starline, Dr. Eggman's would-be apprentice, found him and restored him to his evil self. And together they unleashed something disastrous. Dr. Eggman's Metal Virus is capable of infecting living organic matter and turning it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and that respond only to his command. Countless victims have been infected, including Sonic himself, and many of his allies.

The zombots have ousted the Restoration from their Headquarters. They have brought down the facilities Tails would need to manufacture a cure. The virus has evolved so they no longer respond to Dr. Eggman's commands. With Tangle the Lemur and her hometown of Spiral Hill Village having fallen, there is no where left to hide. Sonic, what's left of the Restoration forces, and as many uninfected as they can carry are retreating to Angel Island in hopes of a last refuge.

And Dr. Starline has developed a plan to control the zombots. But he'll need Sonic and Dr. Eggman's old enemies, the Deadly Six, to do it...





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



CREAM THE RABBIT

Gentle Heroine.
Still in shock.



ESPIO THE CHAMELEON

Ninja and Only Detective.
Chaotix Detective Agency.



WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Variable-wispon master.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration Organizer.



GEMERL

Reformed Robot.
Cream's protector.



KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

Guardian of the Master Emerald.
Angel Island's protector.



DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Eggman Empire.



DR. STARLINE

Aspiring Villain.
Eggman Empire.



METAL SONIC

Loyal Minion.
Eggman Empire.



DEADLY SIX

Other-worldly Adversaries.
Zavok, Zor, Zeena, Zomom, Zazz, and Master Zik.

ANGEL
ISLAND.

A FLYING PARADISE HIDDEN
IN THE CLOUDS, KEPT
ALOFT BY THE POWER OF
THE MASTER EMERALD.

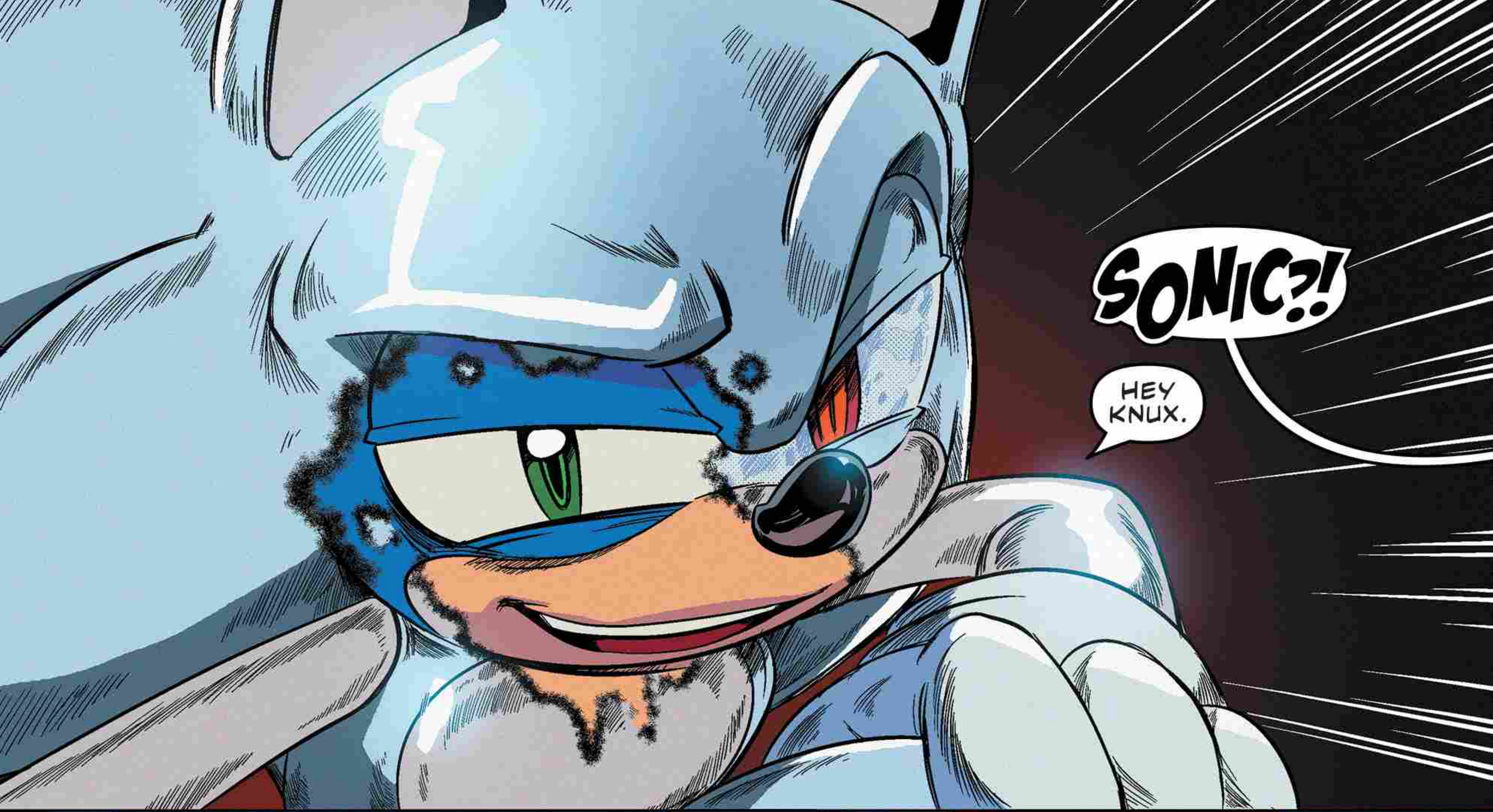
ITS LOCATION IS
SECRET TO ALL BUT A
SELECT FEW, INCLUDING
ITS SOLE RESIDENT...

...KNUCKLES.

THAT
LOOKS
LIKE...

...A
RESTORATION
SHUTTLE?

WHUD



SONIC?!

HEY
KNUX.



WHY DO
YOU LOOK
LIKE METAL
SONIC?

LONG STORY.
STAY BACK--I
DIDN'T WANT TO LAND
ON THE GRASS,
JUST IN CASE.



WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH MY
GRASS?!

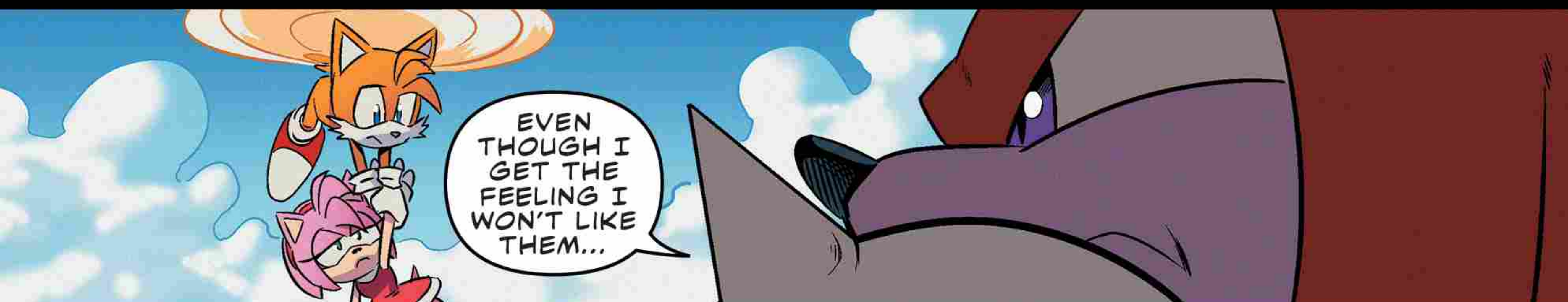
NOTHING.
JUST...
LOOK, AMY
AND TAILS
WILL
EXPLAIN.

I
GOTTA
GET BACK
UP TO
SPEED.



THEY BETTER! I
WANT ANSWERS!

WHOSH



EVEN
THOUGH I
GET THE
FEELING I
WON'T LIKE
THEM...

MEANWHILE--ABOARD
EGGMAN'S FLAGSHIP,
THE FACESHIP...





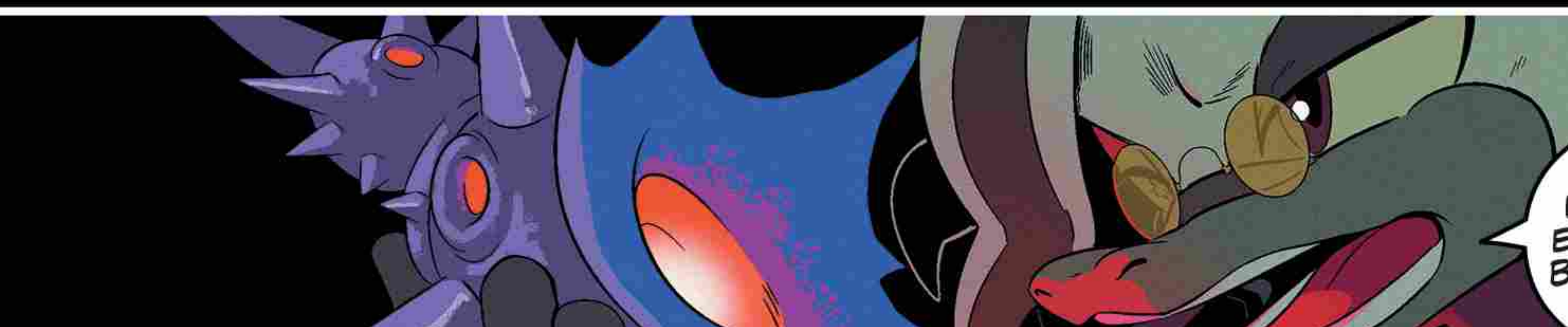
TSK
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HONESTLY,
DOCTOR.
YOU KNOW WE
CAN CONTROL
YOUR ROBOTS.
AND YET YOU
SEND ONE TO
ATTACK?



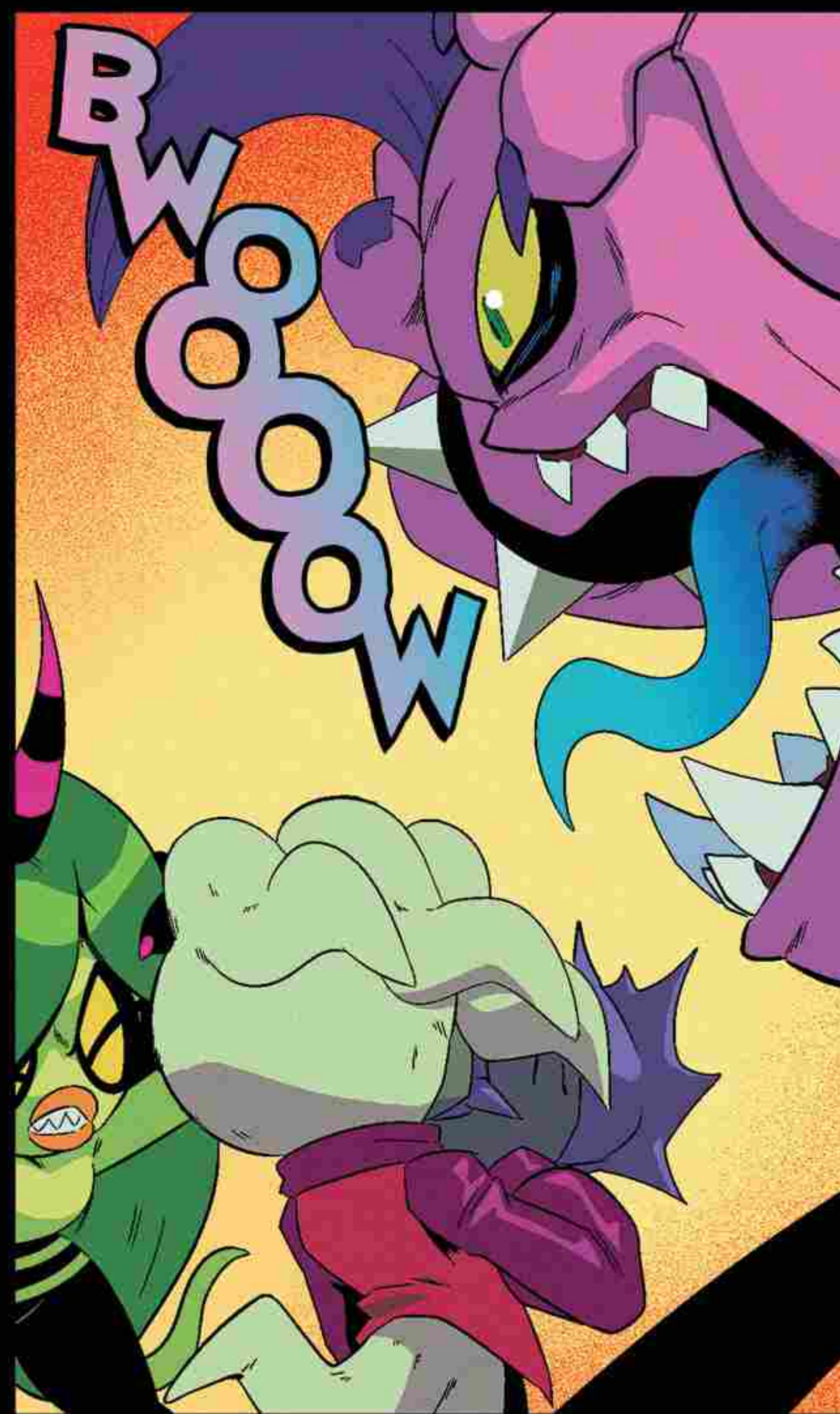
PRECISELY
WHY I BROUGHT
YOU HERE.

YOU SIX WILL
KEEP THE ZOMBOTS
UNDER CONTROL WHILE
EGGMAN RESEARCHES A
BETTER WAY TO CONTAIN
THE METAL VIRUS.



YOU SEE,
DOCTOR? I AM
MAKING UP FOR
YOUR LACK OF
FORESIGHT
WITH...

...EXCUSE
ME.











BRAVO!
A-PLUS PLAN,
NEW BOSS!

WHAT ARE
YOU *DOING?*!



SAVING OUR
SERVOS, DUMMY!
PLAY ALONG SO HE
DOESN'T TAKE
CONTROL OF US!

OH! I GET IT!
WE'RE ONLY
PRETENDING TO
LIKE HIS EVIL,
CRAZY PLAN!

PRECISELY!
JUST ACT LIKE
HE'S EGGMAN
WHEN HE'S IN
ONE OF HIS
MOODS.

SO...
LIKE MOST
DAYS?



YOU WOULD
SERVE ME
FREELY?

OF COURSE,
NEW BOSS. WE
REALLY ARE
QUITE SPINELESS,
BOTH LITERALLY
AND
FIGURATIVELY.



HA! THEN TAKE
US TOWARDS THE
LARGEST KNOWN
POCKETS OF
SURVIVORS.

AS YOU
COMMAND. I'LL
BE SURE TO LOG
YOUR ORDERS SO
YOU'RE ALL *WELL-
COORDINATED*,
TOO.





VERY WELL
THEN. LET'S
BEGIN.

ALONE, EACH
OF US COULD
COMMAND A FEW
DOZEN ZOMBOTS
AT MOST.

EMPOWERED
BY THE EMERALDS,
WE'LL COMMAND
THOUSANDS.

"STARLINE HAD THE
RIGHT OF IT. WE
WILL COMMAND THE
ZOMBOT HORDE.



"INSTEAD OF
RANDOM, SHAMBLING
MASSES, WE WILL
ORCHESTRATE TIDES
OF TERROR ACROSS
THE WORLD.



"WE WILL BRING
TOTAL, LITTER
DEVASTATION
TO THE WORLD
EGGMAN AND
SONIC HAVE
FOUGHT OVER
FOR SO LONG."



ONCE EVERY LIVING THING HAS
BEEN INFECTED, AND NEITHER
EGGMAN NOR SONIC HAS ANYWHERE
LEFT TO RUN, THEN WE WILL
GIVE THEM THE MERCY
OF A SLOW END...

...BY THE
CORRUPTED
MASSES THEY
SOUGHT TO CONQUER
OR PROTECT!



SOON...

GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU, ROUGE!

EGGMAN, STARLINE, AND METAL SONIC JUST APPEARED ON ANGEL ISLAND.

AH, FIGURES.



TURNS OUT EGGMAN WAS POWERING HIS SHIP WITH ALL SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS. ZAVOK HAS DISTRIBUTED THEM TO THE REST OF THE DEADLY SIX AND SENT THEM OUT INTO THE WORLD.

WITH THAT KIND OF POWER, THE WORLD IS IN **SERIOUS** TROUBLE.



EXACTLY HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ON MY SHIP?

A FEW DAYS. I ALMOST HAD A PLAN TO STEAL THE EMERALDS WHEN THE DEADLY SIX ARRIVED.

NOW I'M COORDINATING WITH ORBOT TO SPY ON THEIR DEPLOYMENTS AND COORDINATE OUR COUNTER-ATTACK.

~SIGH~ I CAN'T HIRE GOOD HELP, BUT I SURE CAN BUILD IT.



YOU DON'T GET TO GLOAT! TELL US HOW TO CURE THE METAL VIRUS RIGHT NOW!

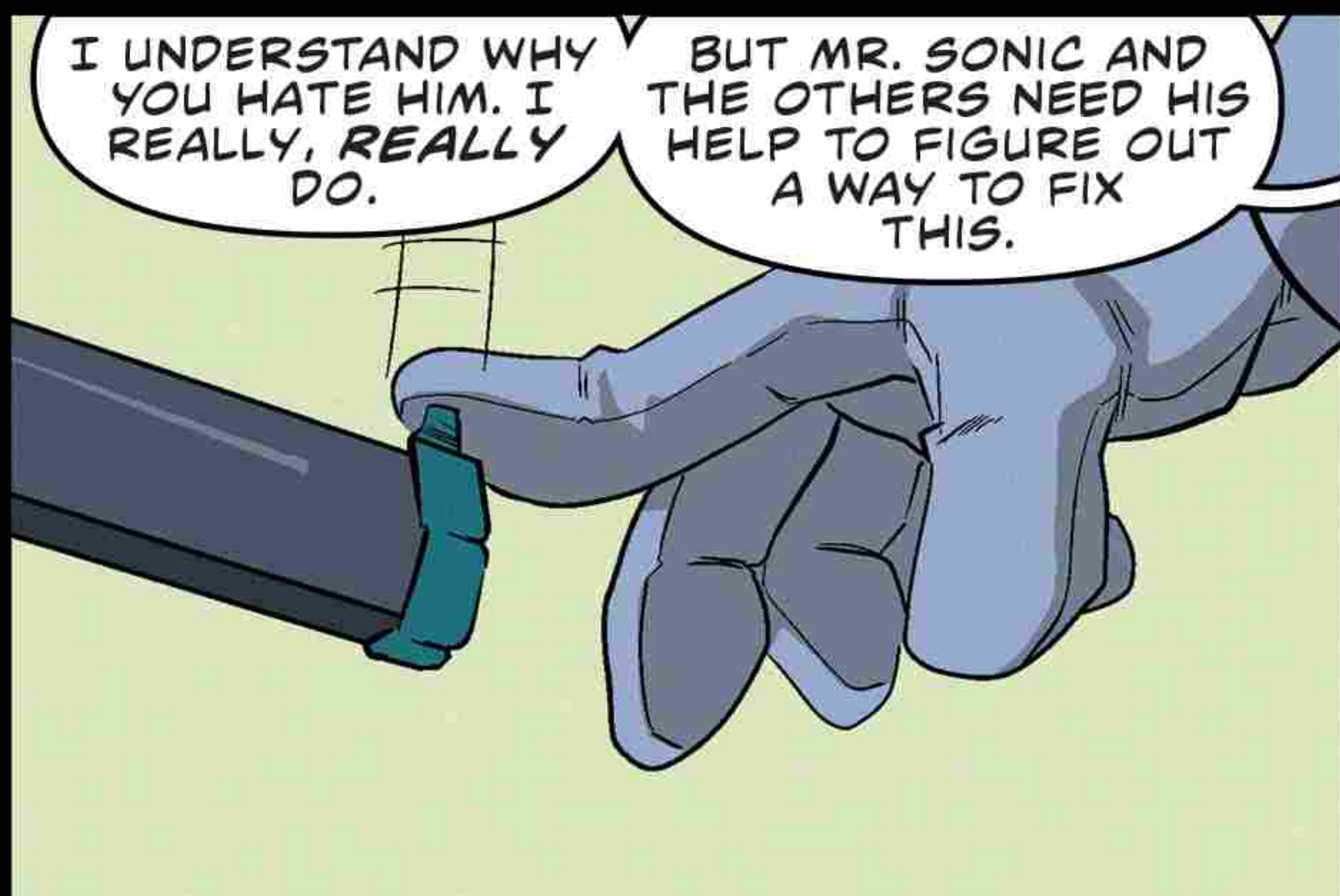
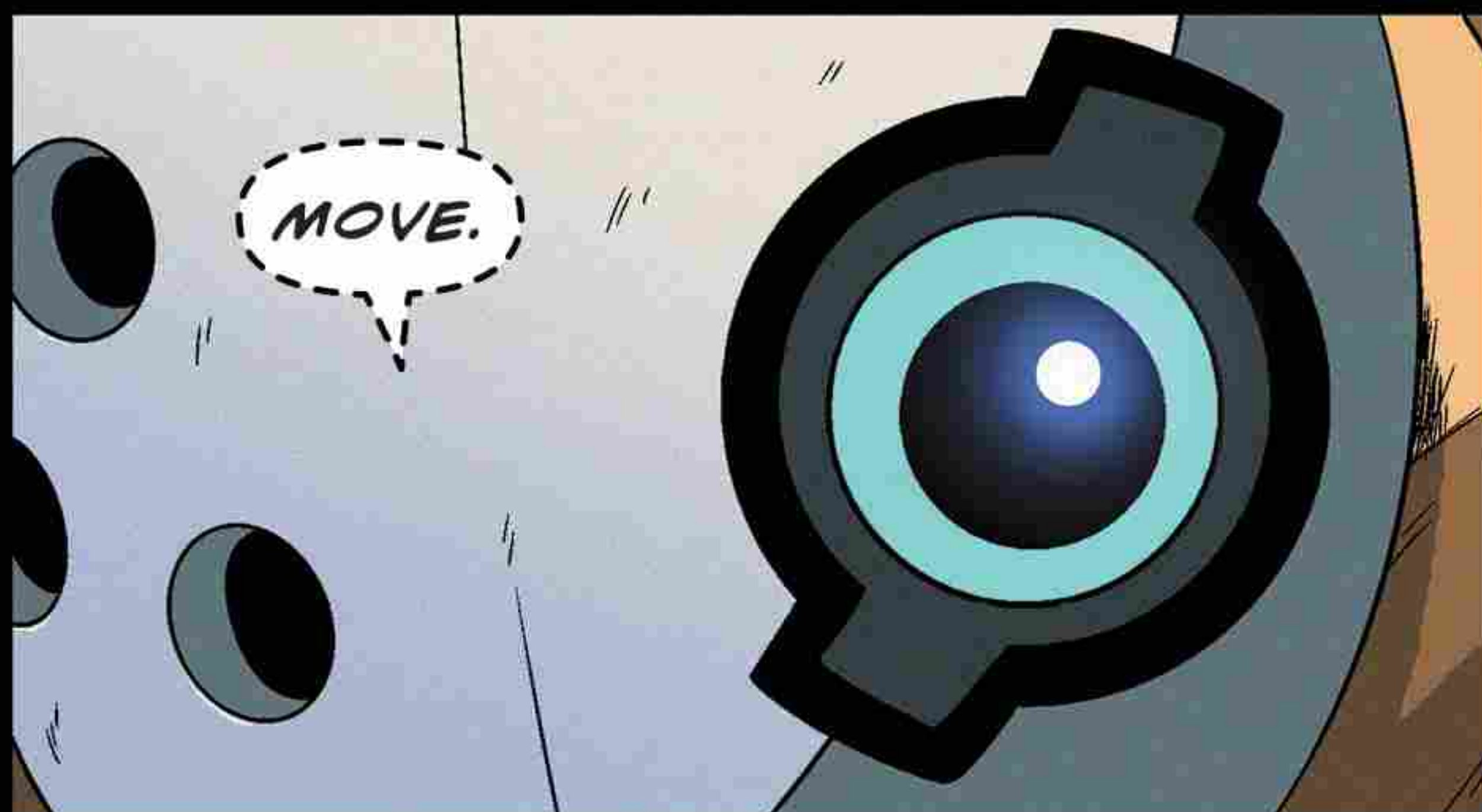
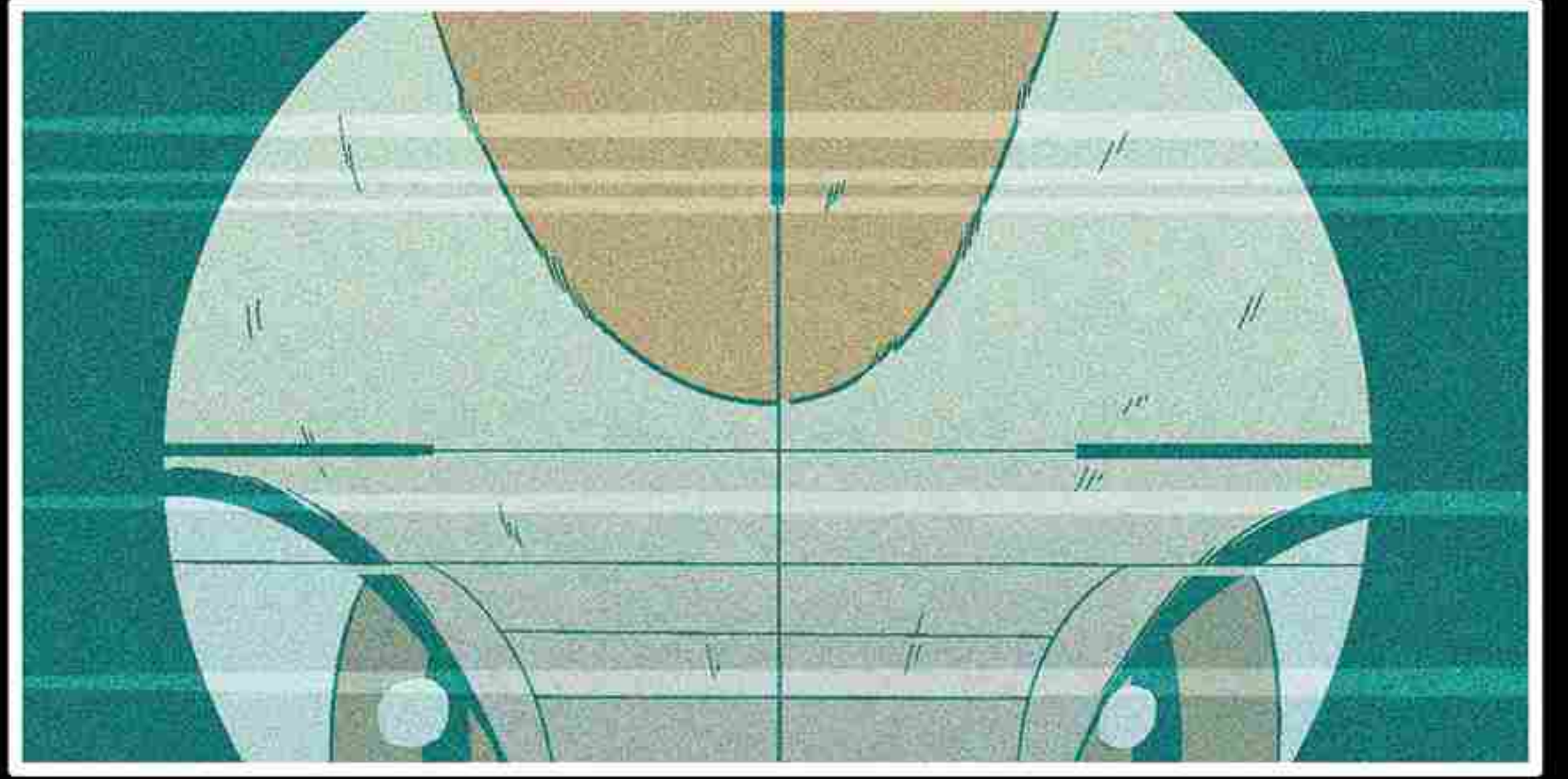
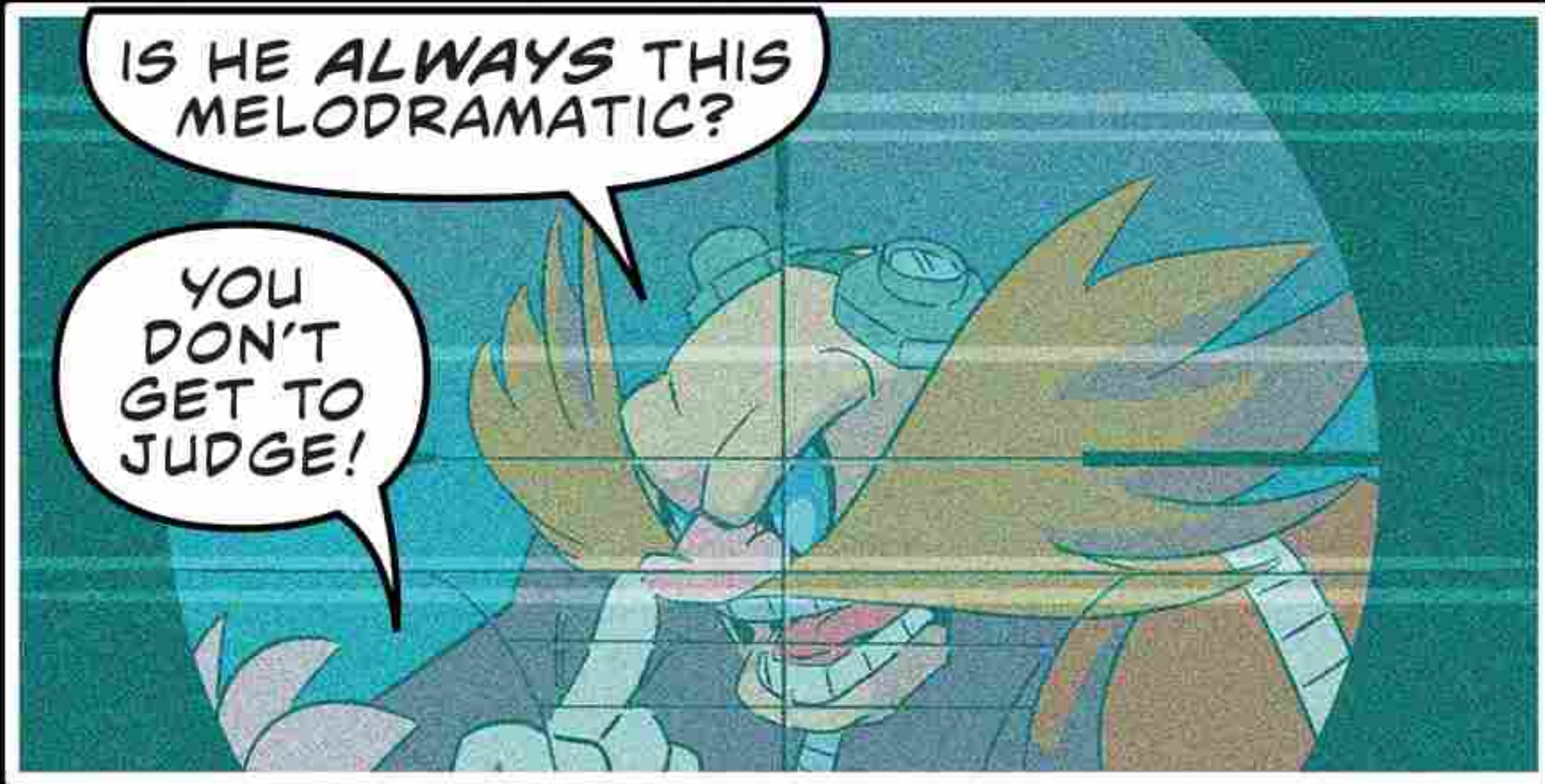
YOU CAN'T!

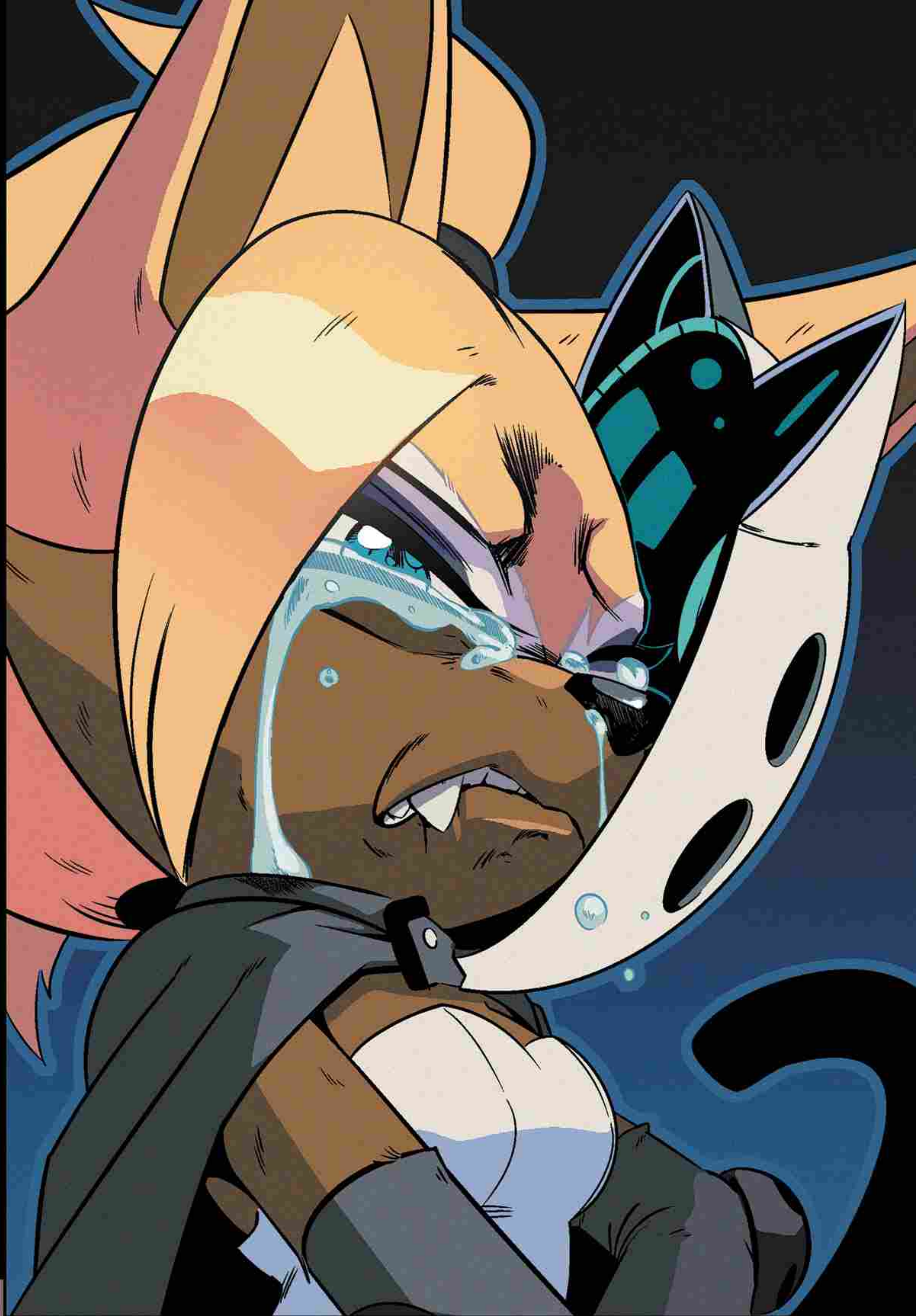
YES, YOU CAN! I HAD A CURE BUT LOST MY RESEARCH!

FINE! I DON'T HAVE ONE! I DON'T NEED IT!

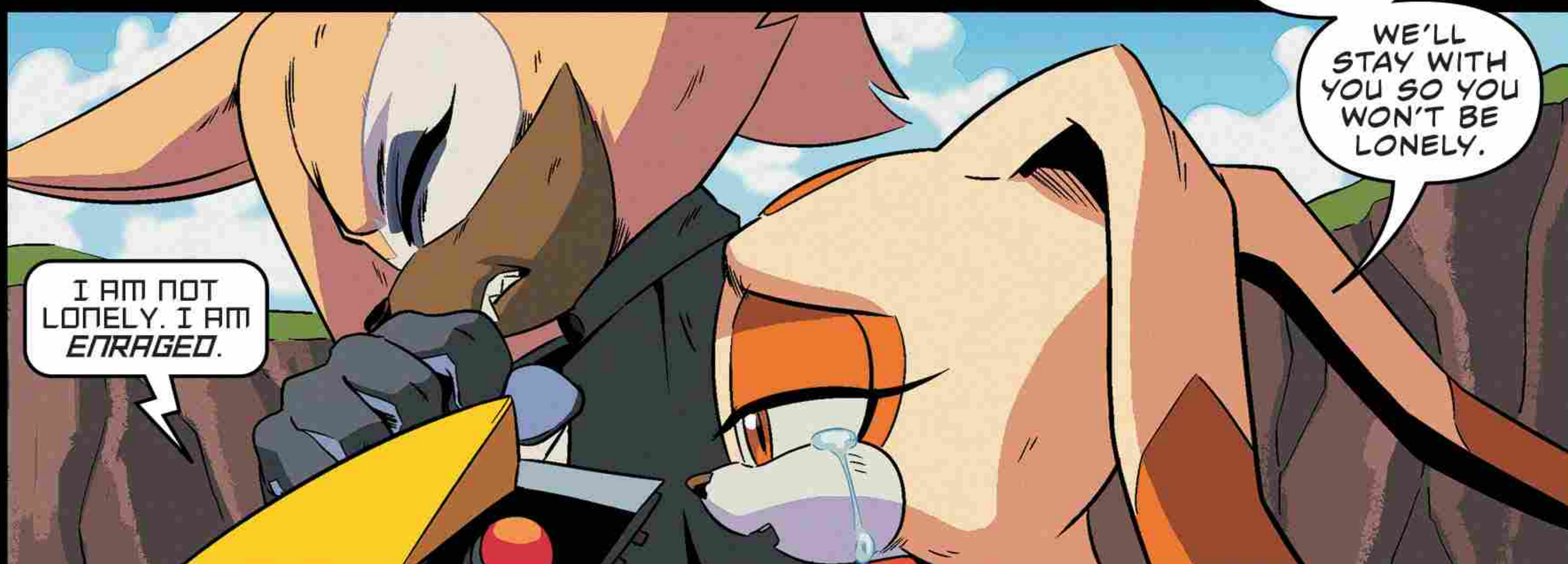






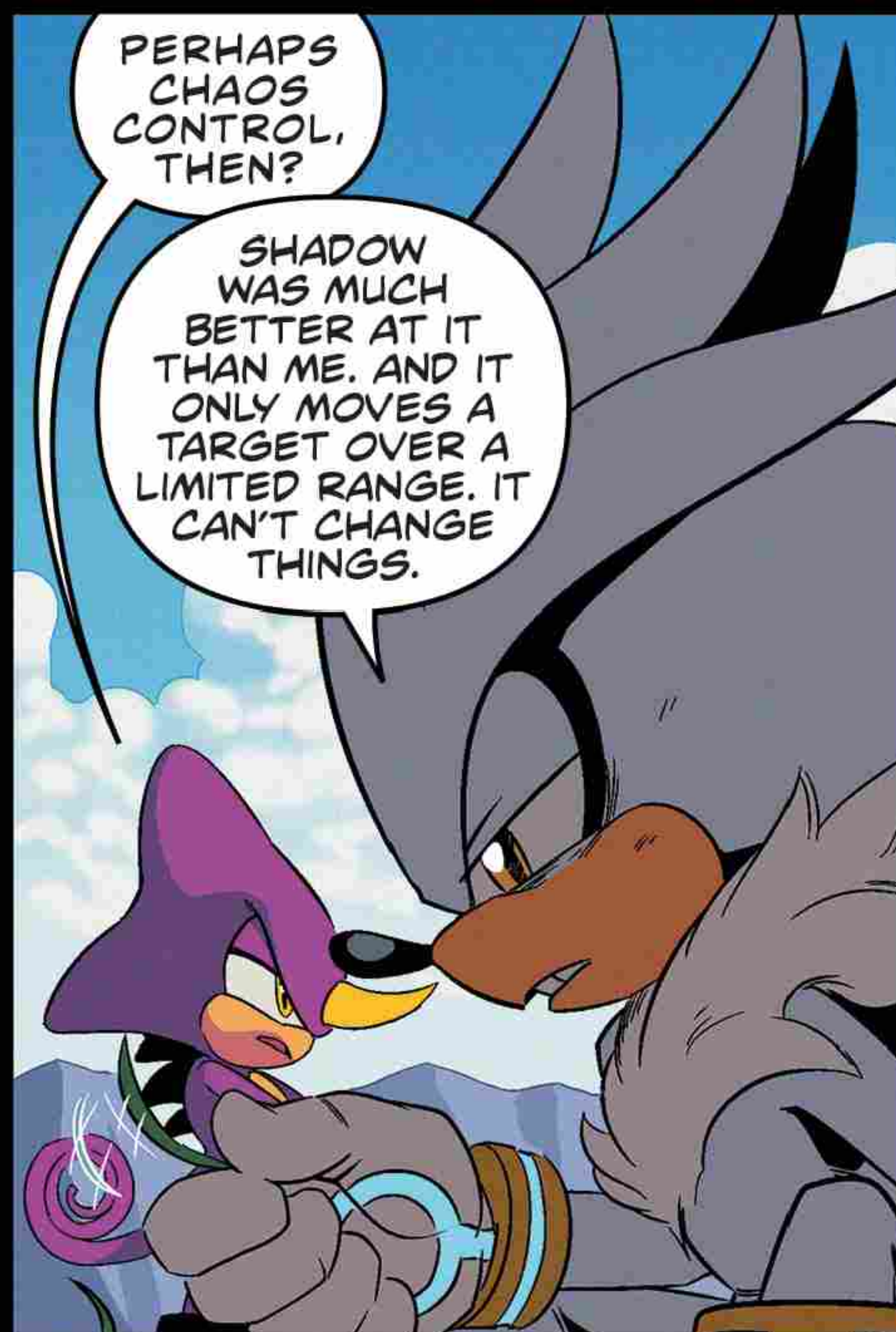


THANK
YOU.



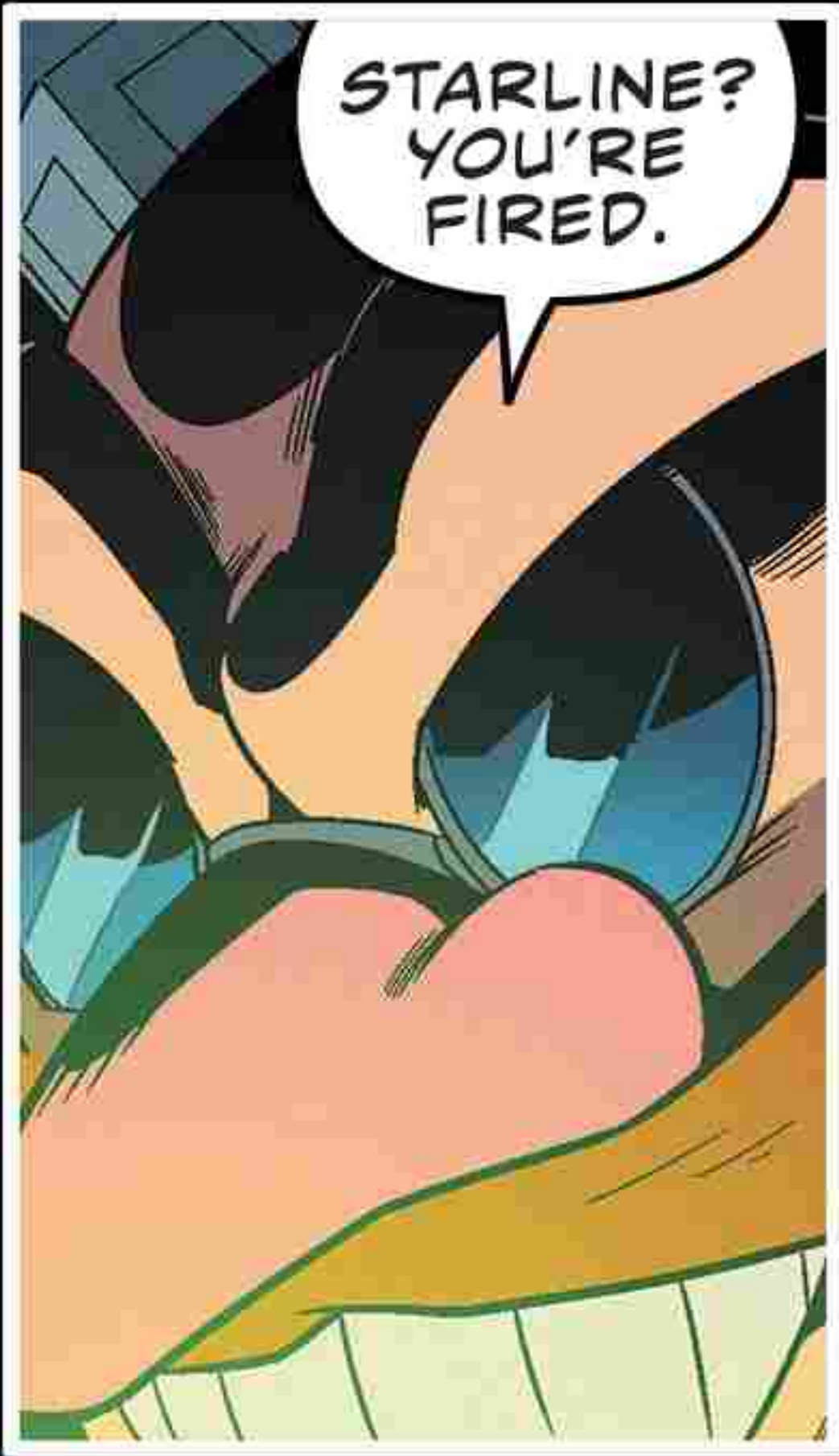
I AM NOT
LONELY. I AM
ENRAGED.

WE'LL
STAY WITH
YOU SO YOU
WON'T BE
LONELY.











THAT LEAVES FIVE OF THE DEADLY SIX TO DEAL WITH. FORMIDABLE OPPONENTS ON THEIR OWN, BUT NOW EMPOWERED BY THE CHAOS EMERALDS...

SO? WE STILL HAVE EACH OTHER. WE'LL OVERWHELM THEM ONE AT A TIME.



ROUGE SAID THEY WERE ALL NETWORKED THROUGH THE FACESHIP, THOUGH. IF ONE MANAGES TO WARN THE OTHERS, THAT'S IT.

SO WE HAVE TO HIT THEM ALL AT ONCE. HMM...



THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM. I CAN SCAVENGE MATERIALS FROM THE SHUTTLE AND USE THE WARP TOPAZ TO BUILD A MULTI-PORTAL GENERATOR.

WITH ROUGE AND ORBOT'S COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE, I CAN SEND YOU ALL TO YOUR EXACT TARGETS.

THAT'S NOT THE ONLY ISSUE, THOUGH. IT WOULD BE BETTER IF EVERYONE HAD A BACKUP IN CASE...

...Y'KNOW...



YEAH, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH FIGHT I'VE GOT LEFT IN ME. AS SUPER SONIC I'LL BE FINE, BUT RIGHT NOW...?



I'VE GOT AN IDEA! LET ME MAKE A CALL!

"CALL?" WHO'S LEFT TO ASK FOR HELP?



SOON...



REALLY? YOU CALLED THE BABYLON ROGUES?

THEY'RE THIEVES AND THEY SPEND ALL DAY ON A BLIMP. WHO ELSE WOULD'VE AVOIDED THE PLAGUE AND WOULD BE PERFECT FOR STEALING CHAOS EMERALDS?



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! YOU'RE LOOKING MORE PATHETIC THAN EVER.

CHARMING AS EVER, JET. YOU GOING TO HELP US OR WHAT?

MAYBE. IF THE REWARD'S BIG ENOUGH.



JET, IF WE DON'T HELP THEM OUT, WHERE ARE WE GOING TO REFUEL? HOW ARE WE GOING TO EAT? WHO ARE WE GOING TO STEAL FROM?!

PEH. WE CAN FIGURE ALL THAT OUT WITHOUT STOOPING TO BEING GOODIE-GOODIES.



BACK OFF, WAVE. IF THE BOSS SAYS WE AIN'T GONNA DO IT, WE AIN'T GONNA DO IT!

THANKS, STORM.



...BUT I DO LIKE TO EAT.

GRRRR



RIVERSIDE.

"HOPEFULLY WE CAN END THIS BEFORE IT GETS TOO MUCH WORSE..."

WOO-HA-HA-HA!
THAT'S RIGHT! TEAR IT ALL DOWN! LEAVE NOTHIN' STANDING!

OOH! TRYIN' TO HIDE? WELL TOO BAD! BEAT THE METAL VIRUS INTO 'EM!

THIS IS BARELY A SNACK!

VISTA VIEW.

I-IT'S ALL W-WE HAVE LEFT IN TOWN...

NO! WAIT! I CAN--
AHHH!

IT'S SIMPLE! I'M HUNGRY! FEED ME OR I FEED YOU TO THE ZOMBOTS!

NOW GET COOKIN'!

ORCHARDVILLE.

NOTHING ELSE QUITE PLEASES ME AS AN UNANSWERED MERCY PLEA

THE CRYING, SCREAMING, FRANTIC WAILS AS ALL LIGHT OF HOPE FLICKERS AND FAILS.



OOOH... A HEROIC FINAL STAND? HOW POINTLESS.



GATHER 'ROUND THEM, TAKE THE CHILDREN AWAY, HE WILL WATCH, THEY ALL SHALL PAY.

SUNSET CITY.

UGH--THIS IS ALL THIS TOWN HAS TO OFFER? IT WAS A WASTELAND BEFORE I EVEN GOT HERE.



YOU. WHY ISN'T THE SHOPPING HERE ANY BETTER?

I... UM... NOTHING CAN SUIT SOMEONE AS RADIANT AS YOU?

MMM--GOOD ANSWER! I'LL SPARE YOU FOR ANOTHER HOUR. AS FOR THE REST OF YOU...?

PRAISE ZEENA!

WINTERBURG.

FORWARD,
MY MINIONS!
LET NO HEARTBEAT
GO UNNOTICED!
LET NO WARM
BREATH BE
UNPUNISHED!

THE INVASION
GOES WELL,
ZAVOK. I CAN
SEE THE VIRUS
SPREADING
THROUGH THE
FORESTS BEYOND.
I DARE SAY THIS
CONTINENT WILL
BE FULLY
CONVERTED IN A
FEW DAYS.

PROFICIENCY
I COULD ONLY
EXPECT FROM
YOU, MASTER.

IS THERE
MORE YOU
CAN BE DOING?

I ASSURE
YOU, I AM NOT
RESTING ON MY
LAURELS, MASTER.
I WILL SEE TO IT
WE'VE INFECTED
EVERYTHING FROM
COAST TO COAST
BY TONIGHT...

"...TOMORROW--
THE WORLD!"

**NEXT TIME:
RETALIATION!**

SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Squad! The world?! Zavok's gone mad with power... Sonic and crew will have to find a cure quick if they don't want to be zombots! Thank you for joining **Ian Flynn**, **Adam Bryce Thomas**, **Matt Herms**, and **Shawn Lee** in "A Sudden Shift". Now, before Zavok takes over the world, check out this awesome comic by Sonic fan **JT Foster**!





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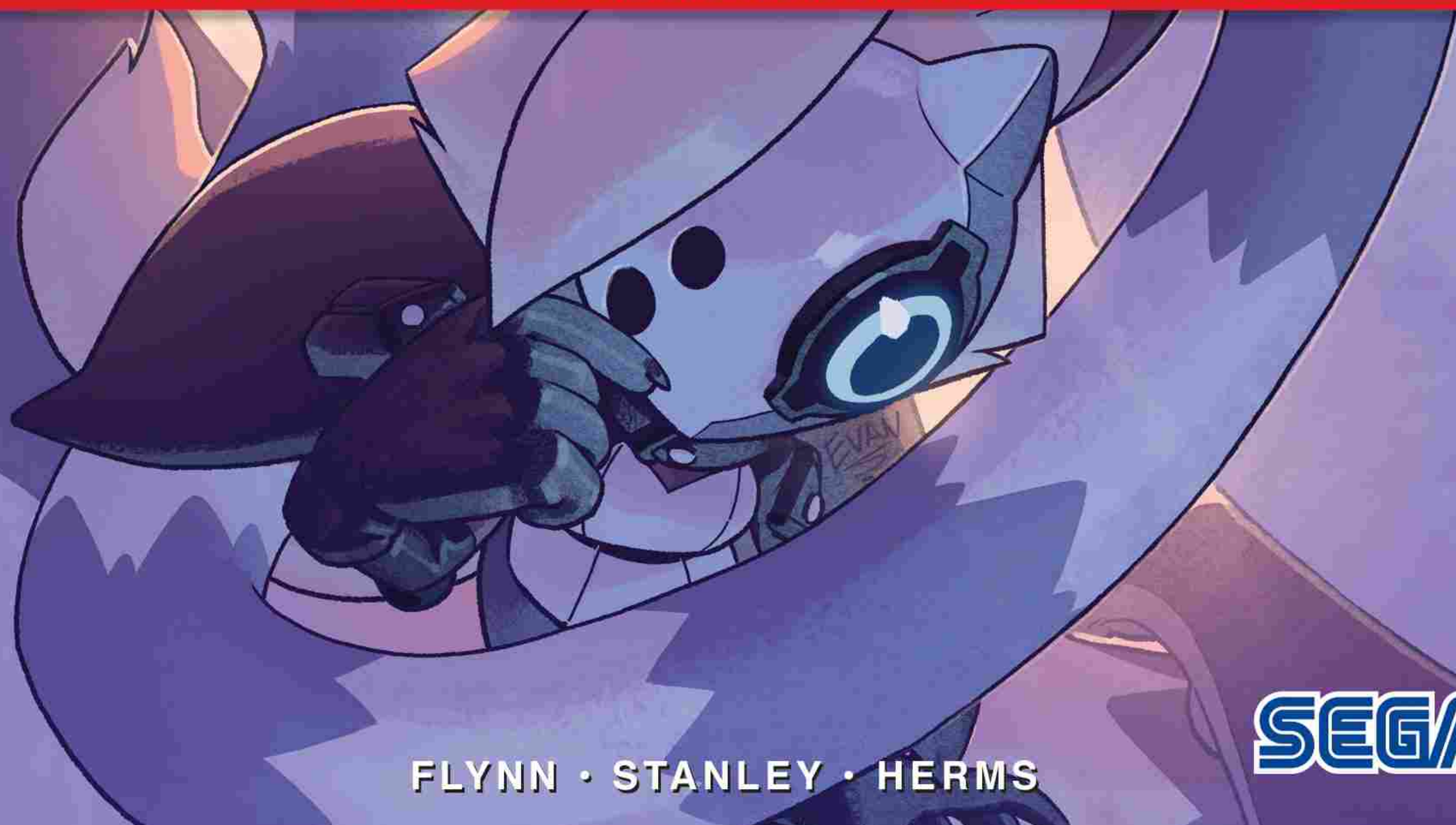
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C'MON
EVERYONE!
IT'S A
GORGEOUS
DAY!

RACE YA
AROUND THE
VILLAGE!
ANYONE!
EVERYONE!





TANGLE!

HEY-HEY, JEWEL! ABOUT TIME YOU GOT OUT OF THAT STUFFY OL' MUSEUM!



BECAUSE YOU NEARLY KNOCKED THE SIGN OFF FROM OVER MY DOOR. AND YOU'RE GOING TO RUN INTO SOMEBODY.

PSSHT! I'VE BEEN FLINGING MYSELF AROUND THESE STREETS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.

I KNOW EVERY ROOFTOP, ALLEY, AND STREET CORNER LIKE THE BACK OF MY—

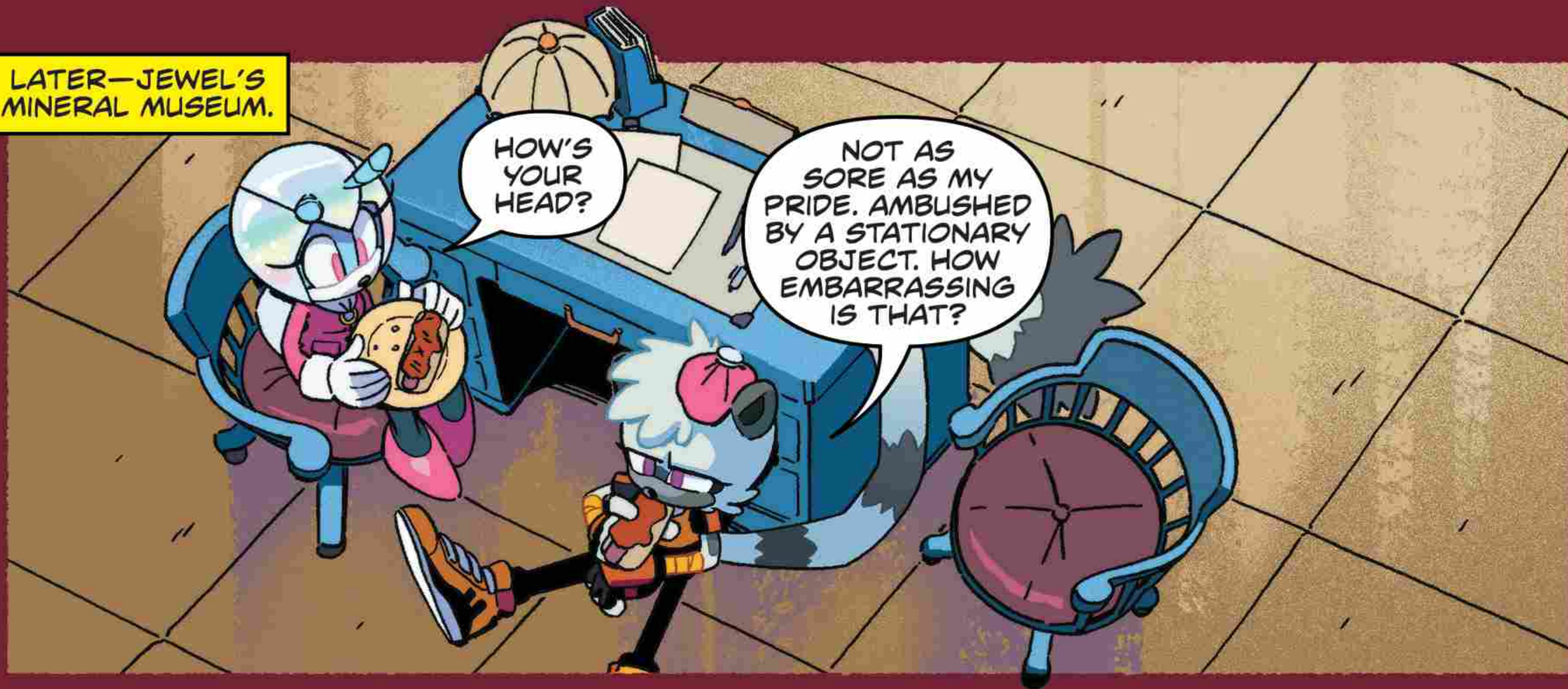


TANGLE.

HEYA, RON. A COUPLE OF CHILIDOGS TO GO...?

WHAM

LATER—JEWEL'S MINERAL MUSEUM.



HOW'S YOUR HEAD?

NOT AS SORE AS MY PRIDE. AMBUSHED BY A STATIONARY OBJECT. HOW EMBARRASSING IS THAT?



TO BE FAIR, IT WAS HIDING IN FRONT OF A STREET LAMP. CLEARLY IT WAS OUT TO GET YOU.

HA HA
OW HA
HA



SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN... PRECOCIOUS... BUT YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING OFF THE WALLS LATELY.

LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY.

I'M SORRY FOR BEING A PEST, IT'S JUST...



...AFTER EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WITH SONIC, THINGS ARE SO BORING HERE!

I FOUGHT ROBOT INVASIONS! FLYING BATTLE SHIPS!

I MET A FIERY PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!

I PULLED THE WINGS OFF A GIANT ROBO-DRAGON!





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